

Story of the White Linen Handkerchief

AFS Student To Wed in Turkey

Dr. and Mrs. Oyman of Eskeshir and Istanbul, Turkey, took a white linen handkerchief to give to their hosts, the parents of Nuri Cerit, as a token of their acceptance of their offer of marriage for their daughter, Emel Oyman, when they were invited to the Cerit home in Istanbul recently.

In Turkey, marriages are arranged by parents, however, today some parents consult their children's wishes in arranging the marriages. Following an age-old custom, the boy's parents call on the girl's parents to ask for their daughter. During this very formal call, the daughter must serve coffee and small cakes to them, then sit demurely and answer their inquiries when necessary.

Following this comes a period of decision for both sets of parents after which the boy's parents invite the girl's parents to their home. If the girl's parents' decision is "no," the invitation is declined and if it is "yes" they accept and arrive with a white linen handkerchief. In the past, the handkerchief was woven and hemstitched by the girl.

The announcement of the engagement of Emel, who was an American Field Service student in Torrance in 1964-65, came to her foster family, Mr. and Mrs. William Ulrich and daughter, Susi, this week.

Susi and her sister from Turkey were graduated from North High School in 1965 after which Emel made an extensive tour of the United States prior to returning to Turkey to re-enter the American Academy for Girls in Istanbul, which she had attended since she was 10 years old.

The future bridegroom, an exchange student to the United States in 1961, is a graduate of a Dutch University and is a fabric importer in Istanbul. Soon, he will fulfill his military obligation, not military training as required here, but because of his education he will be sent to the more primitive eastern areas of Turkey to teach in the villages.

After the parents' decision, a formal engagement party is held before the couple may have dates.

Emel and Nuri's engagement party was held on Sept. 11 at the Kervansaray

Club in Istanbul and was attended by 267 guests. A complete formal sit-down dinner was held at the club, leased for the night. Two bands furnished the music and entertainment included belly dancers, singers, Spanish and Latin American dancers, and performers of Turkish folklore.

For her engagement party, Emel wore an empire gown of imported Dutch lace over soft pink satin crepe, shoes of the same fabric, and pink opera-length gloves.

In Turkey, engagements last from one to four years, this is the dating period for the couple. Until this time, Turkish girls appear in public only with their parents. They never visit night clubs until they are engaged.

In her letter to the Ulrich family, Emel hinted that her marriage may take place next summer and reminded them of their promise to attend.

And the Ulrichs, Mr. and Mrs. and Susi, who live at 380 W. 183rd St., will await the definite date and they will be off to Istanbul to attend the Moslem ceremony uniting Emel and Nuri.



EMEL OYMAN
... 1965 North High Graduate



PLAN OPEN MEETING

Y-Wives will begin their new year with an open meeting for all area women on Wednesday morning Sept. 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Torrance YWCA, 2320 W. Carson St. Making final plans for the event are Mrs. David Sowins, seated, president, and Mrs. Homer Allie, vice president.
(Press-Herald Photo)

Area Women Invited

Y-Wives Open Year

Torrance Y-Wives will open their 1966-67 year next Wednesday morning Sept. 21 with the new officers, who were installed in June, presiding.

They are Mmes. David Sowins, president; Homer Allie, vice president; Jerry Casler, secretary; Roscoe Davis, special events; and James Gualtieri, treasurer.

Chairmen who will assume their new duties at next Wednesday's meeting are Mmes. Lori Fontana and Judy Bishop, decorations; James Paterson, publicity; Janet Mitchell, nursery; Juanita Boldt, devotions; Gwen Marsh, friendship; and Daryl Robertson, refreshments.

New officers and chairmen will be introduced and get-acquainted games will be played. Refreshments will be served.

This is an open meeting and all women of the area are invited to attend. Membership in the Torrance YWCA is the only requisite for joining this group and there is a small weekly fee.

The Y-Wives meet once a week, every Wednesday from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. There is an hour of exercise or bridge followed by a program, usually a qualified speaker on current events. Child care is provided.

During the business meeting plans will be made for the group's major social event of the year, a fashion show in the spring, and for the annual Children's Christmas Party.

Engagements

Moore - Donaldson

An August 1967 wedding at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Gardena is planned by Miss Deana Lou Moore and Gerald Lee Donaldson.

The engagement announcement is made by the bride-elect's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Moore, 16328 Van Ness, Gardena.

Miss Moore, a 1964 graduate of Bishop Montgomery, is now attending Los Angeles County General Hospital's School of Nursing. She is president of the senior class.

Her fiance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Donaldson, 17016 Raymond Pl., is a 1963 graduate of Serra High School. He attended Loyola University and is now an electrical engineering major at California State at Long Beach.



DEANA MOORE

Homan - Early

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Homan of St. Henry, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Jean, to Robert Lynn Early, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Early, 5025 Mindora Dr., Torrance.

Miss Homan, who was a lay teacher at the St. James Parochial School in Redondo Beach last year, is currently attending the University of Dayton.

Mr. Early is a graduate of Bishop Montgomery High School. He attended El Camino and St. Mary's College before entering the United States Army for a tour of duty.

The couple will be married Dec. 26 and will reside in the South Bay where the bride-elect plans to continue her teaching career.



CAROL JEAN HOMAN



OPEN YEAR WITH A SONG

These new officers of the Nativity Mothers Club, who were installed at the first meeting of the year held last Tuesday evening, gather around the piano for a song fest to get the new season off to a good start. They are, from left, Mmes. William Hoffman, seated, first vice president; Walter Delsigne, treasurer; Albert Rossi, second vice president; and Milton Bruce, president.
(Press-Herald Photo)

Nativity Mothers Club

Installs Officers

Nativity Mothers Club installed its new officers at a meeting Tuesday evening in the Nativity Annex to open its 1966-67 year. Mrs. James McLain, chairman of the nominating committee, conducted the installation presenting each new officer with a corsage as she gave her duties for the year.

Installed were Mmes. Milton Bruce, president; William Hoffman, first vice president; Albert Rossi, second vice president, Charles Lorenz, secretary; and Walter Delsigne, treasurer.

Mrs. Bruce, who succeeds Mrs. R. A. Hicks as president of the group, gave an acceptance speech on "Opportunity."

The "Challenge of Change," the Mothers Club theme for the year, was effectively carried out with a miniature rocket "The Challenger" on stage surrounded by small figures representing the officers and the faculty of the school.

Miniature moons decorated the individual tables at which a faculty member was seated with mothers of her students.

During the business meeting plans were made for the party for the "Greenhorns," new members, to be held Oct. 5 at the home of Mrs. William Hoffman, 23217 Wade Ave. Approximately 50 new members will be honored.

The Nativity Mothers Club, organized in 1948 to supply needs of the school to further the education of students, meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Nativity annex.

Fall Classes for All Age Levels

Offered at Torrance YW

Fall session of classes and activities offered by the Torrance Young Women's Christian Association is now open for registration. Using the theme "A New You," there are classes for every age level designed to give a new interest, a new skill, or a new look to the families of the South Bay area.

For the children, there are class activities for the preschooler such as crafts, rhythm band, tumbling, ballet, tap dance and swimming.

For the elementary school boys and girls, classes in guitar and piano are being offered. No previous musical knowledge is necessary. For the elementary school girls there are ballet, tap dance and Polynesian dance classes.

A special feature of the program for 6 to 10 year old girls is the Saturday "Three Ring Circus" featuring a full day, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., of creative arts with classes in art, music and dance. The "circus" is the theme for the eight weeks course.

For teenagers, both boys and girls, the schedule includes physical fitness, karate, folk dance and social dance, also guitar and folk singing classes.

For girls, a new exercise class for streamlining is based on modern jazz techniques,

also ballet, tap and interpretive dance, charm and drama.

For mothers, whose children are back in school, the Torrance YWCA offers many daytime classes including exercise, hairstyling, and makeup. On Friday morning, bridge is played and there is a new class in yogi.

There is a special class for the mature women in exercise and charm and a beginners swim class is set two days a week from 9 to 10 a.m.

For the employed woman, evening classes in interpretive dance are slated for Tuesday and Thursday and a special class in exercise is set for 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to go to the Y right after work.

Other evening classes include crafts, jewelry, trays and papier mache.

Evening classes for the college set include guitar on Monday and square dancing on Thursday. Popular dance, including the discotheque (watusi, frug, jerk) and regular basic dance steps has been slated for Wednesday evening. Karate, designed to develop self defense, is available to adults on Monday and Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

All classes start this coming week and all interested persons are invited to call the YWCA immediately for registration or more information.



WE GOT RHYTHM

Over at the YWCA on Carson St. on Mondays at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again on Friday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Torrance's small fry, pre-schoolers from 3 to 5 years, get exceptional training in coordination and balance. They have a half hour of rhythm band practice followed by a half hour of tumbling. Two youngsters learning the beat are from left, Robby Boldt, drummer, Wade Houghland with a tamborine, and Juanita Boldt, one of the YWCA instructors.
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